



# National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day February 7, 2010

## United States

- ⌘ The theme of this year's National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day is "HIV/AIDS Prevention - A Choice and a Lifestyle!"
- ⌘ Blacks make up 13% of the US population but account for an estimated 45% of new HIV infections.
- ⌘ At the end of 2006, the CDC estimated that over 1.1 million people in the US were living with HIV infection, and 46% were black.
- ⌘ In 2007, the AIDS case rate (per 100,000) for blacks was over nine times higher than the AIDS case rate among whites, and over three times higher than the AIDS case rate among Hispanic/Latinos.
- ⌘ Mortality is higher for blacks with AIDS than any other racial/ethnic group. This may be due to late testing, poor access to care or a variety of other social co-factors.
- ⌘ Over half (52%) of blacks living with AIDS in the US and 58% of new AIDS cases reported in 2006 among blacks occurred in the South; yet blacks represent approximately 20% of the South's population. More blacks reside in the South than all other regions combined.

## Louisiana

- ⌘ In Louisiana, 11,570 blacks are living with HIV/AIDS as of December 31, 2009; 4,257 (37%) are female and 7,313 (63%) are male.
- ⌘ Blacks make up 32% of the state's population; however
  - 74% of new HIV cases are black
  - 67% of all persons living with HIV/AIDS are black
- ⌘ In all regions of Louisiana, the percentage of persons living with HIV/AIDS who are black is significantly higher than the percentage of the general population that is black.
- ⌘ Among men, 70% of all new HIV diagnoses are among blacks, and among women, 83% of all new HIV diagnoses are among blacks.
- ⌘ In Louisiana, the HIV case rate for blacks is almost seven times higher than the HIV case rate for whites.
  - the HIV case rate in black females is almost 14 times greater than the HIV case rate for white females and the HIV case rate in black males is over 5.5 times greater than the HIV case rate for white males.



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## HIV in Children:

- ⌘ In 2007, there were almost 3,800 children (<13 yrs at diagnosis) living with AIDS in the US, 95% of whom were infected through mother-to-child transmission (perinatal infection).
  - 66% of these children were black, and only 14% were white
- ⌘ In Louisiana, 143 infants were born to HIV-infected mothers in 2008; 87% were black. In the past 5 years, 84% of all perinatally infected infants were black.
  - Legislation requiring physicians to provide opt-out HIV testing for all pregnant women under their care was enacted in 2007.
  - Additional ongoing prevention activities to reduce perinatal transmission include the promotion of rapid testing at labor and delivery, testing during third trimester, and linking HIV-positive women to case management and other supportive services.

## New HIV/AIDS Diagnoses Among Blacks in Louisiana By Public Health Region, 2008

	Black Females	Black Males
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>321 (100%)</b>	<b>520 (100%)</b>
1: New Orleans	93 (29.0%)	161 (31.0%)
2: Baton Rouge	117 (36.4%)	151 (29.0%)
3: Houma	13 (4.0%)	15 (2.9%)
4: Lafayette	19 (5.9%)	32 (6.2%)
5: Lake Charles	10 (3.1%)	23 (4.4%)
6: Alexandria	9 (2.8%)	18 (3.5%)
7: Shreveport	31 (9.3%)	63 (12.1%)
8: Monroe	15 (4.7%)	31 (6.0%)
9: Hammond/Slidell	14 (4.4%)	26 (5.0%)

- ⌘ The majority of new diagnoses among blacks are in the New Orleans and Baton Rouge regions which have the largest populations. The Baton Rouge region has the largest number of diagnoses in black females while the New Orleans region has the largest number of new diagnoses among black males.

- ⌘ The New Orleans and Baton Rouge Regions have the greatest number of persons living with HIV/AIDS of all nine regions. In 2008, there were 10,387 persons living with HIV/AIDS in the New Orleans and Baton Rouge regions; 69% were black.

## Blacks Living with HIV/AIDS in Louisiana By Public Health Region, 2008

	Black Females	Black Males
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>4,257 (100%)</b>	<b>7,313 (100%)</b>
1: New Orleans	1,335 (31.4%)	2,370 (32.4%)
2: Baton Rouge	1,457 (34.2%)	2,018 (27.6%)
3: Houma	145 (3.4%)	215 (2.9%)
4: Lafayette	234 (5.5%)	495 (6.8%)
5: Lake Charles	140 (3.3%)	392 (5.4%)
6: Alexandria	189 (4.4%)	389 (5.3%)
7: Shreveport	306 (7.2%)	691 (9.4%)
8: Monroe	290 (6.8%)	437 (6.0%)
9: Hammond/Slidell	161 (3.8%)	305 (4.2%)